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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the document which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 05-244241, published September 21, 1993.

One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated May 2, 2000 with an English translation of the pertinent portion thereof which cites such document and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. It is noted that Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. H8-79830 was previously submitted to the PTO with an Information Disclosure Statement on February 16, 2000 and is therefore not enclosed.

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